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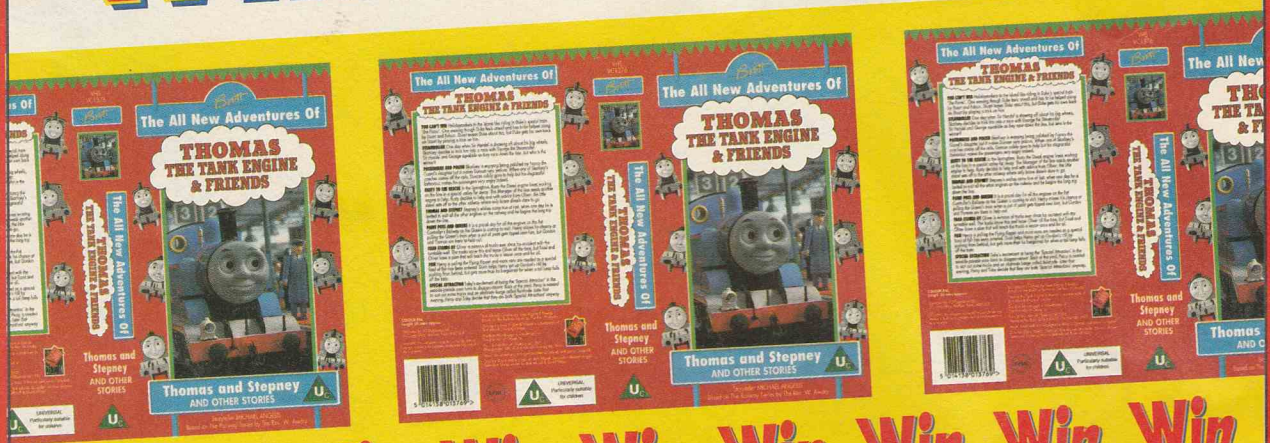

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Britt Allcroft

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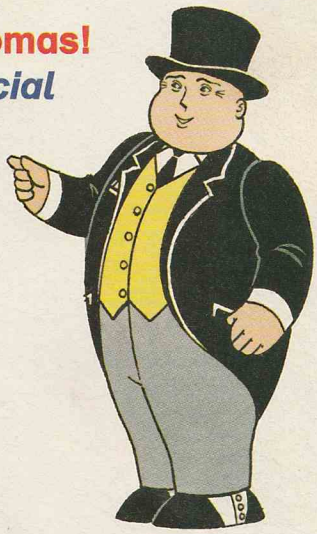
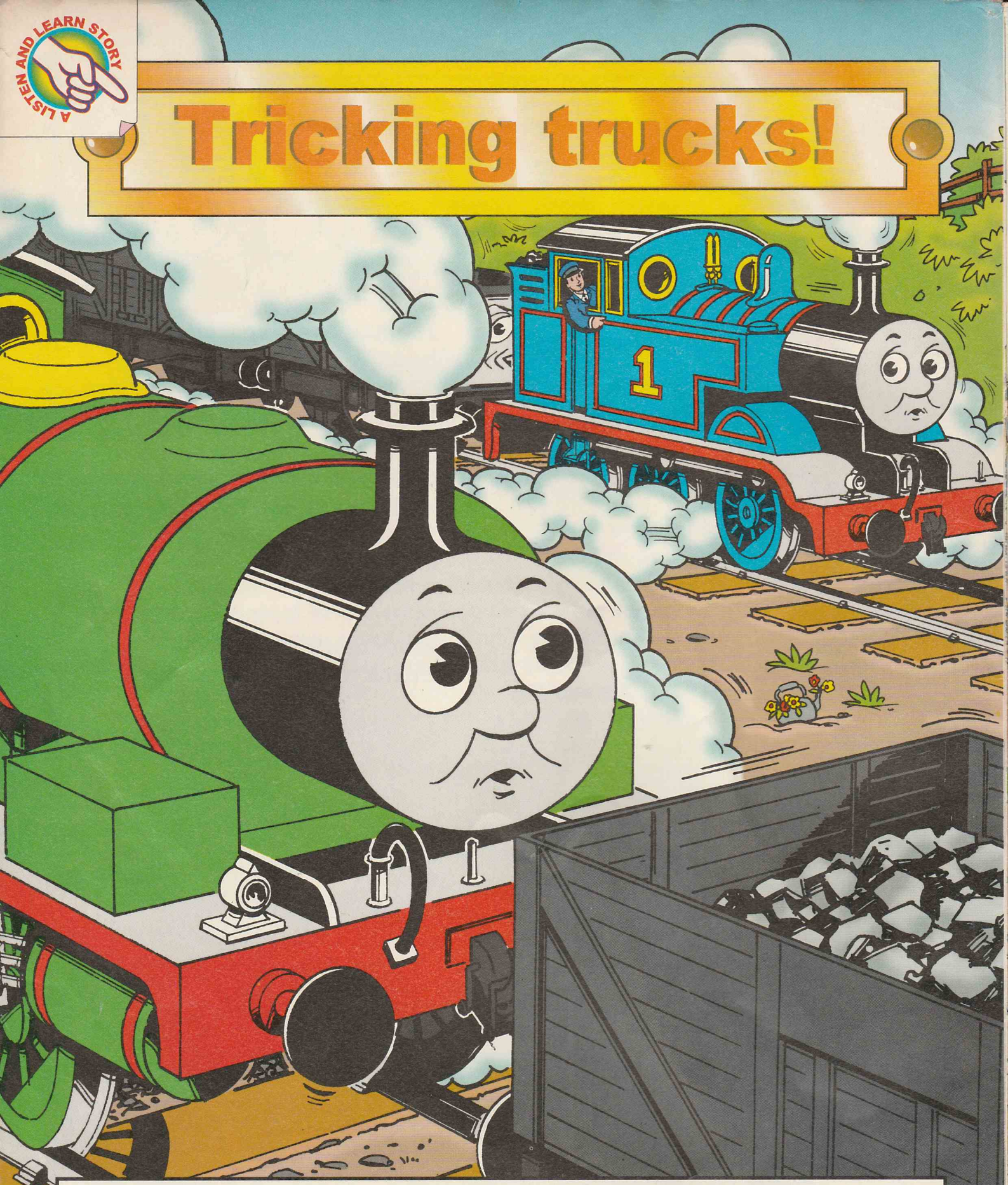


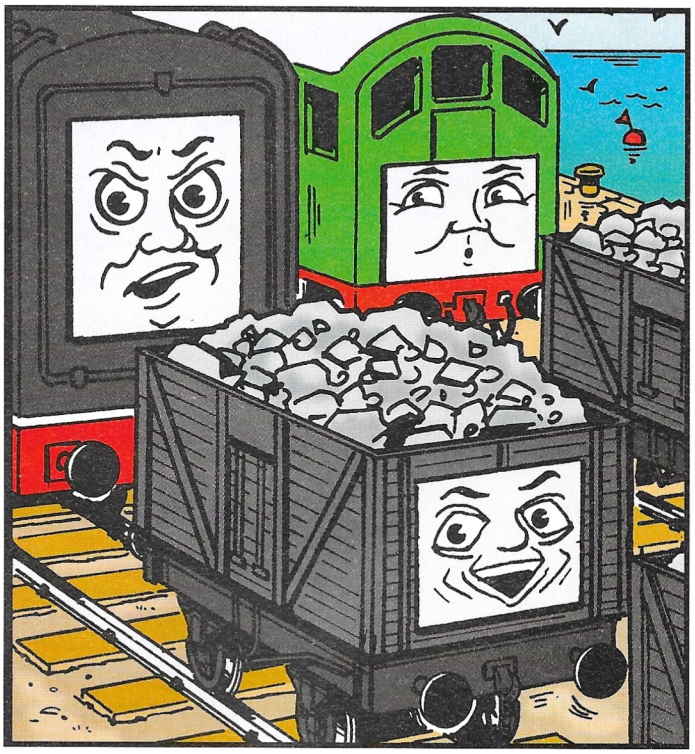
A LISTEN AND LEARN STORY

Tricking trucks!

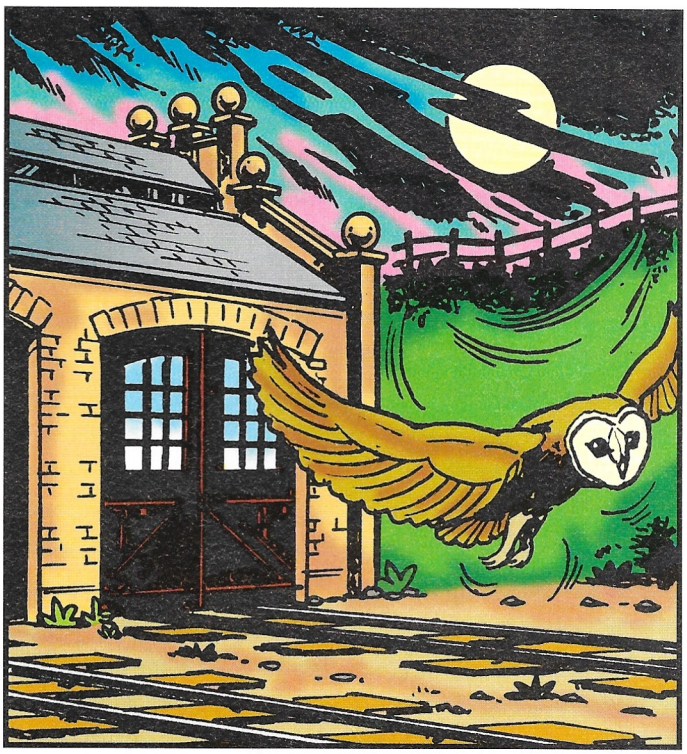


1. The trucks were being very troublesome. They rocked and bumped about, making it hard for Thomas and Percy to shunt them in the Main Station yard.

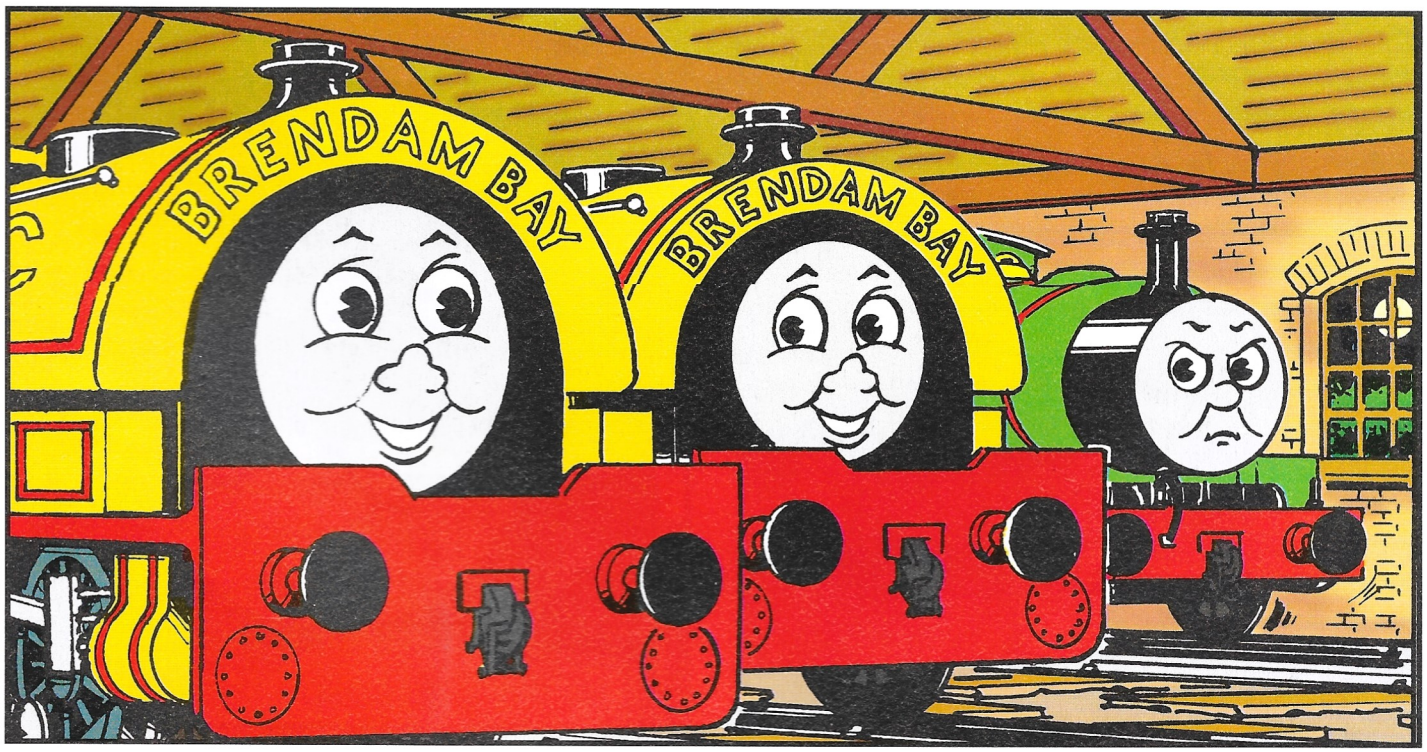
2. More trucks were behaving badly down at the Big Harbour. While Boco and Diesel pulled them, the trucks spilled their loads of coal on purpose.



3. "Gah! Stop that!" hissed Diesel, in his oily voice. "Shan't!" sang the trucks. They were really enjoying themselves getting up to naughty tricks.

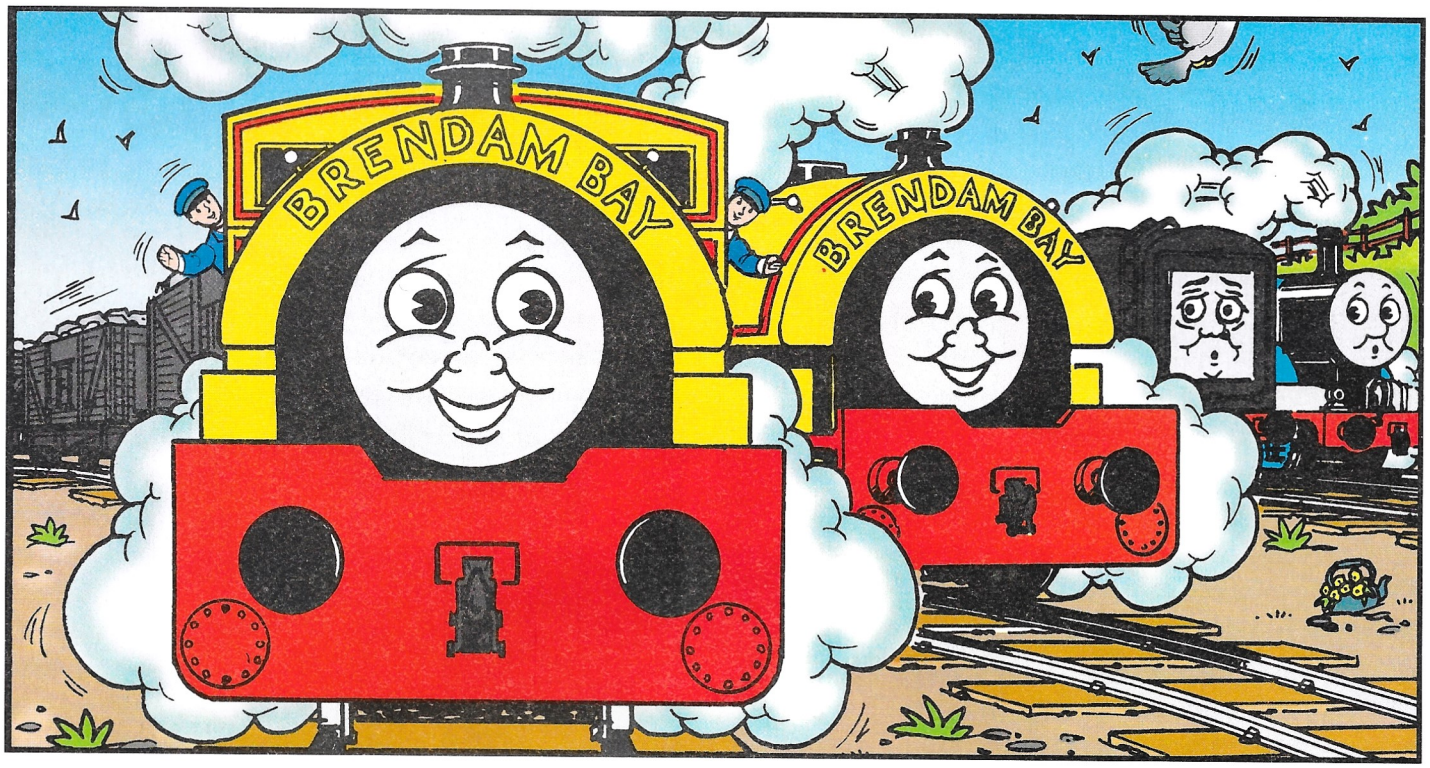


4. That night, in the engine shed, Thomas and his friends grumbled to each other about the trucks. "Something must be done!" said Boco, wearily.



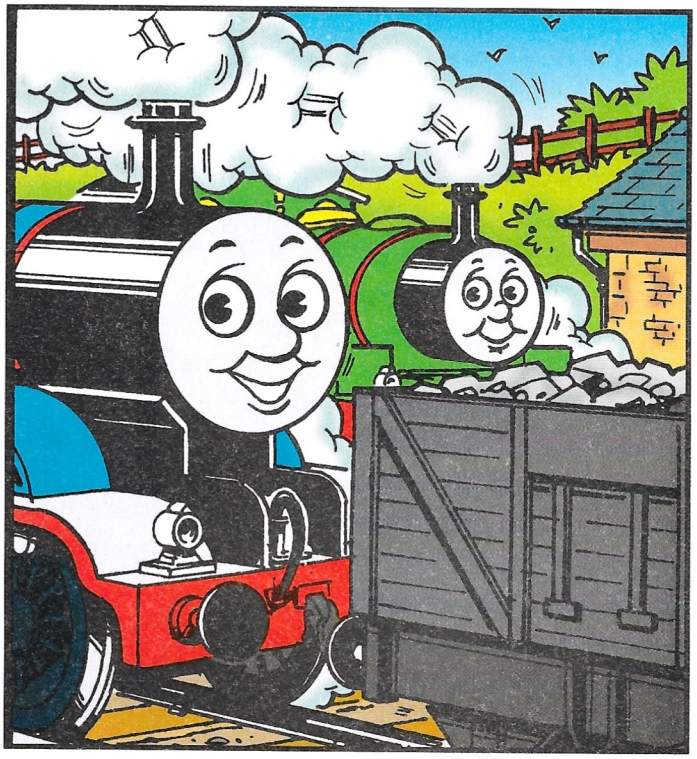
5. "They're getting worse than ever!" agreed Percy. "Those trucks need to be taught a lesson!" Bill and Ben, the saddle tank twins, winked at each other.

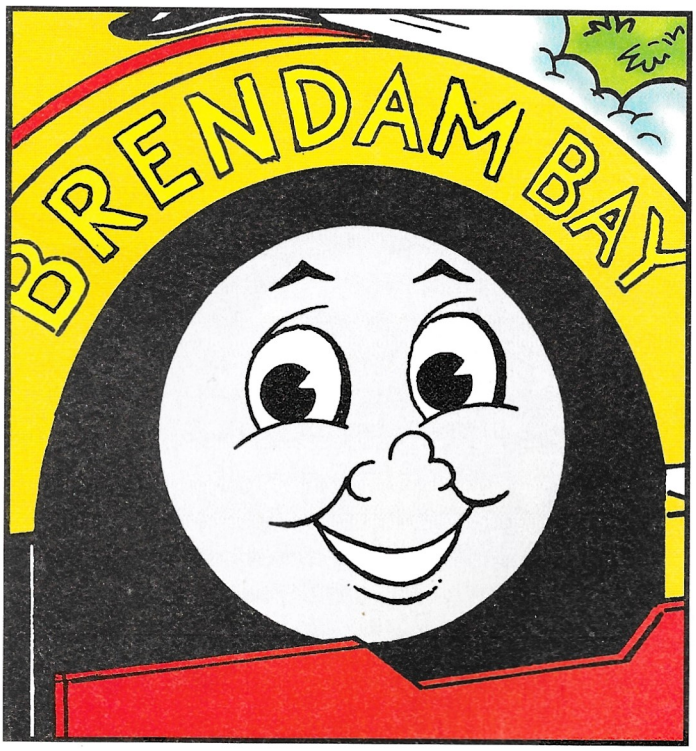
6. The twins were the most mischievous engines on the Fat Controller's railway. "We'll soon think of a way to deal with the trucks!" said Bill.



7. "We must!" added Ben. "We have to pull some full of china clay tomorrow!" "Tricky trucks won't get the better of us!" Bill smiled, playfully.

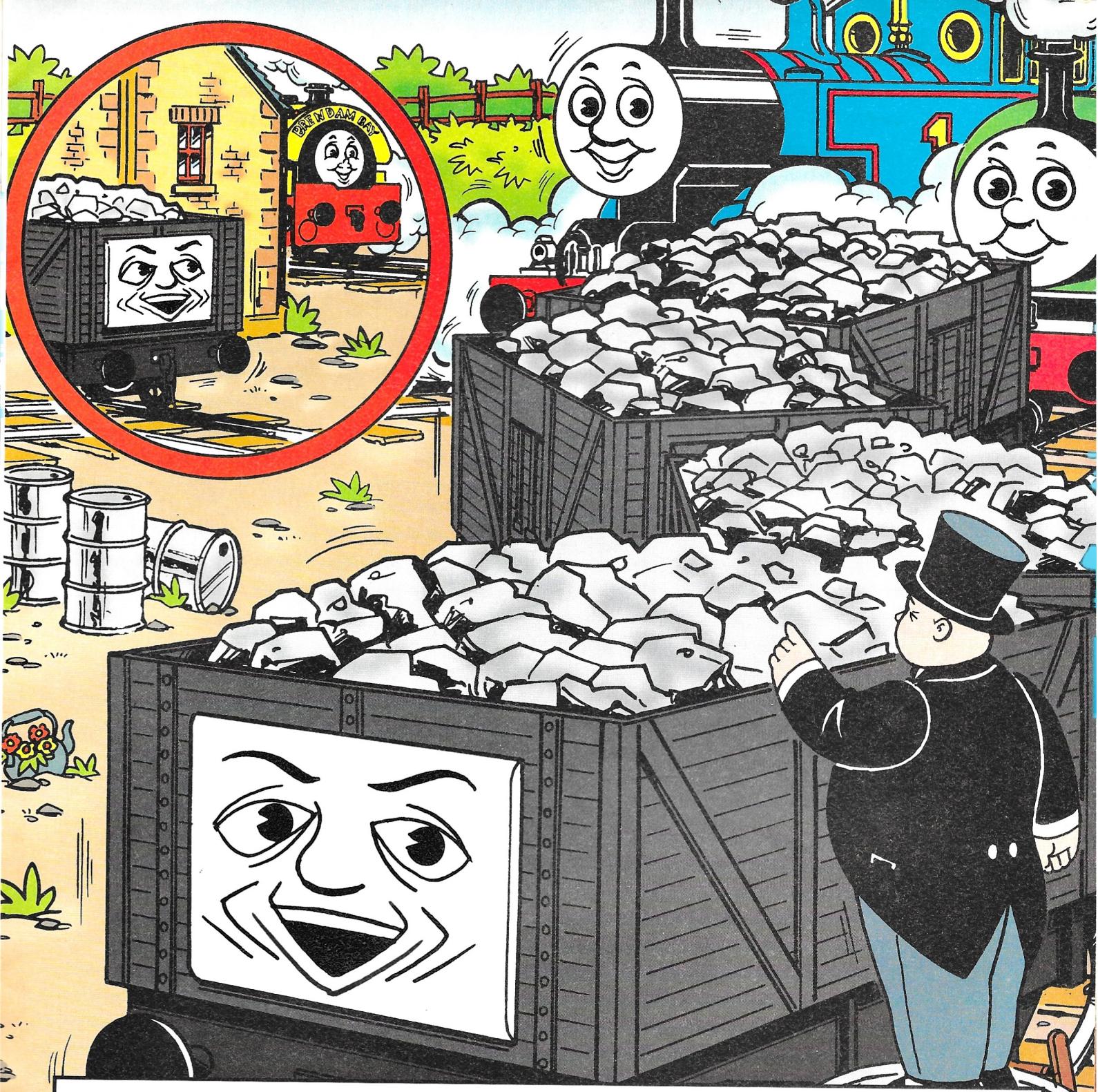
8. The next morning, the twins were the first to start work. Their engine friends stared in amazement. Bill and Ben's trucks were as good as gold.





9. But Thomas and the others were even more astonished when their own trucks worked really well, too. "What has got into them, Thomas?" asked Percy.

10. "I wish I knew!" replied Thomas. "I've never known such helpful trucks!" All the engines were suspicious. "I bet they're planning something," said Thomas.

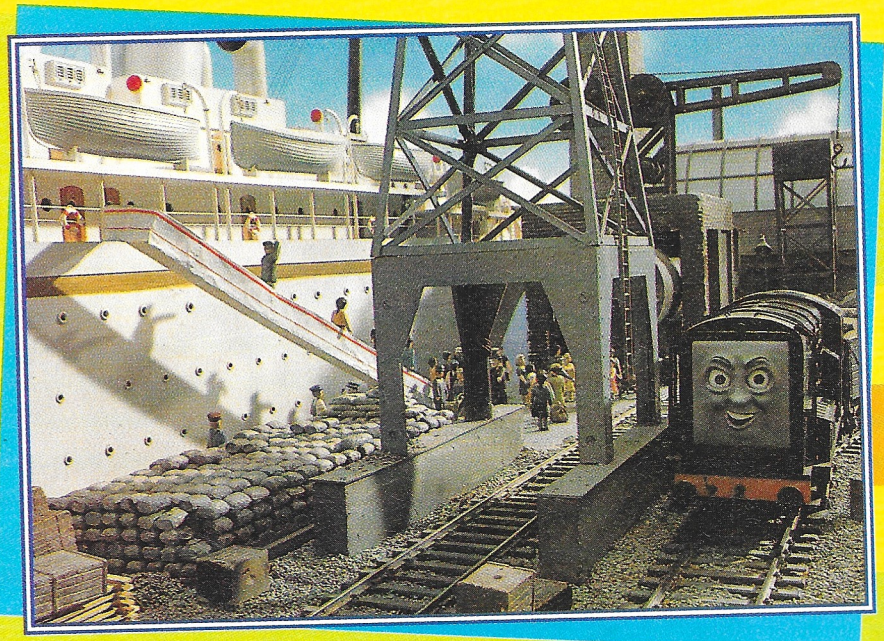


11. But the trucks were well behaved all day. "What is going on?" Percy asked Thomas. "We can tell you," said Bill and Ben, who had just pulled up. "We let the trucks overhear us talking," said Bill. "We pretended that the Fat Controller was thinking of ordering some new trucks."

12. "Yes," added Ben, "We made them think that the Fat Controller was tired of them spilling their loads and bumping things." Later when the Fat Controller arrived Thomas and his friends couldn't help smiling, because the troublesome trucks were absolutely no trouble at all.

Know you

There are 4 diesel engines working on the Fat Controller's railway. They are Diesel, Mavis, Boco and Daisy! On these 2 pages, read about them and see how much you know! Answer each question by ticking the correct box, then check your answers at the bottom of page 11!

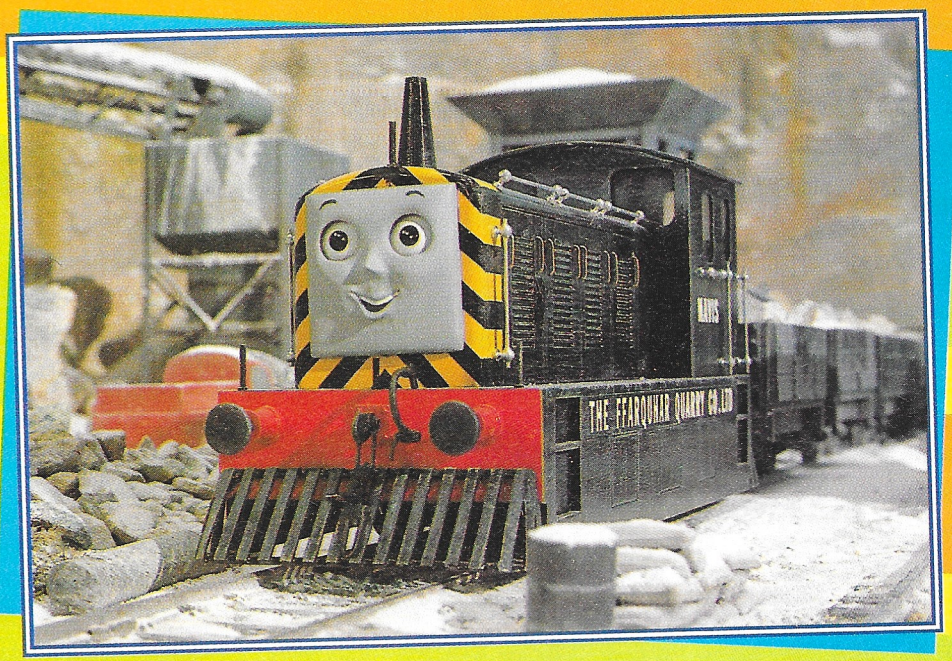


Diesel is the trouble maker on the railway and he enjoys causing problems for the other engines. Even though Diesel can be very naughty, he can also surprise the other engines by doing them a good turn! Like the time he gave Toby a truck full of top quality coal to say thank you for Toby's help!

1. What cargo was Diesel pulling in the story, 'Tricking trucks'?

Coal ☐ **Wood** ☐

Mavis is a young diesel engine. She helps Toby the tram engine on his quarry line. When Mavis first arrived on the railway, she was an unreliable engine, but with a little help from Toby she soon learnt how to be more efficient.



2. Who does Mavis help?

Percy ☐ **Toby** ☐

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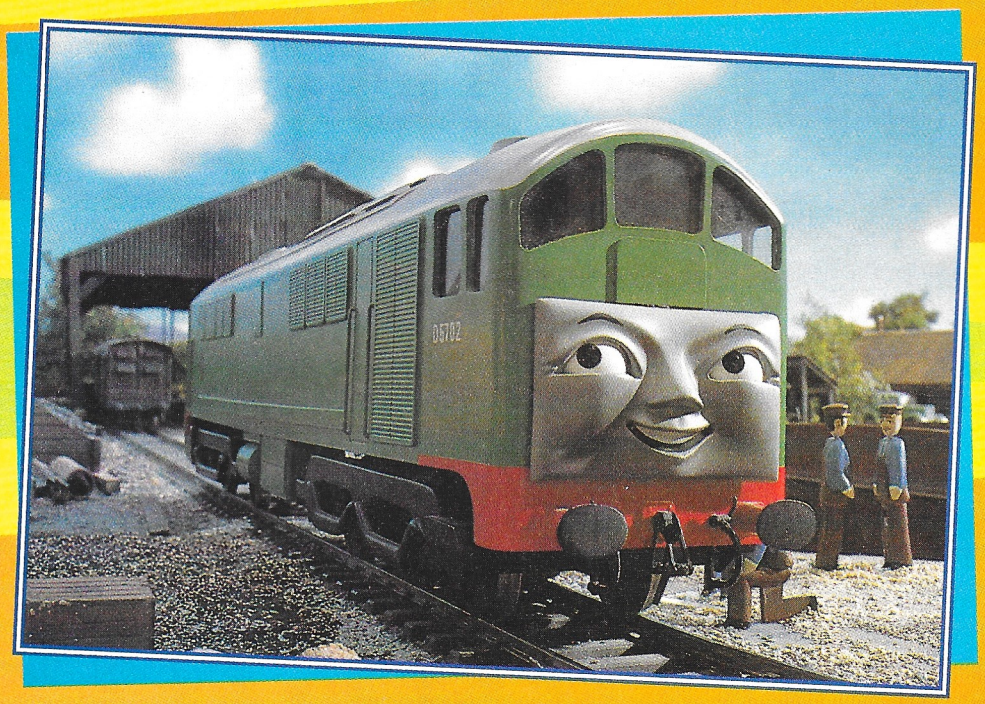
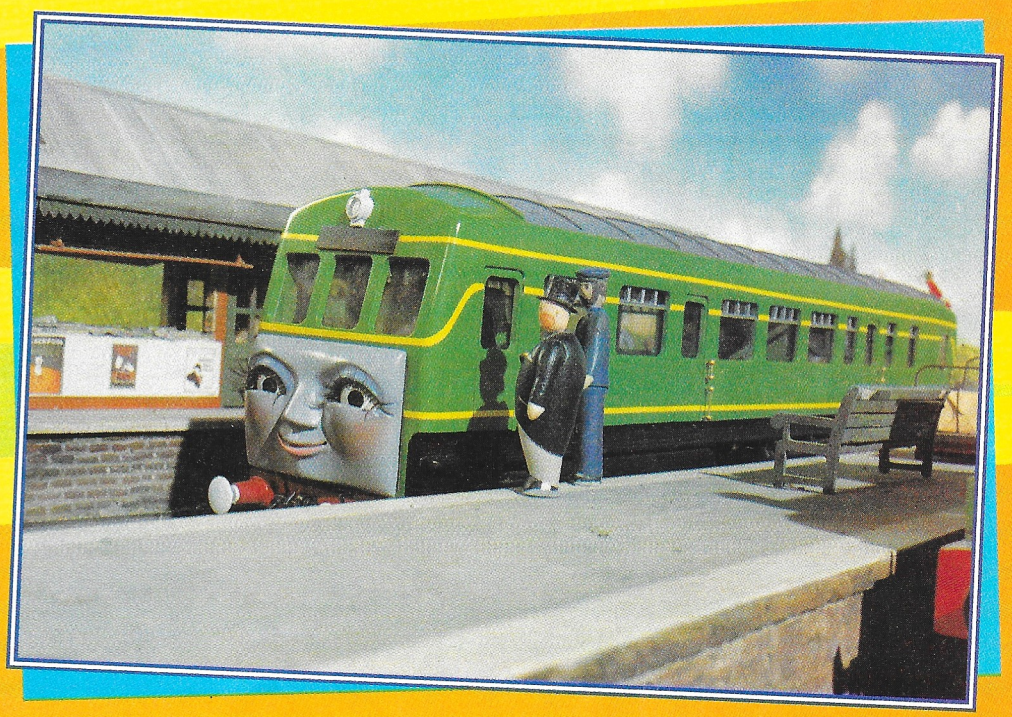


Boco occasionally works with Bill and Ben. Boco is probably the most patient diesel engine. He also has a good sense of humour and is not bad tempered like Diesel. After all, if you can deal with engines like Bill and Ben and still keep smiling then you must be quite a special engine!

3. Where do Boco and Bill and Ben work?

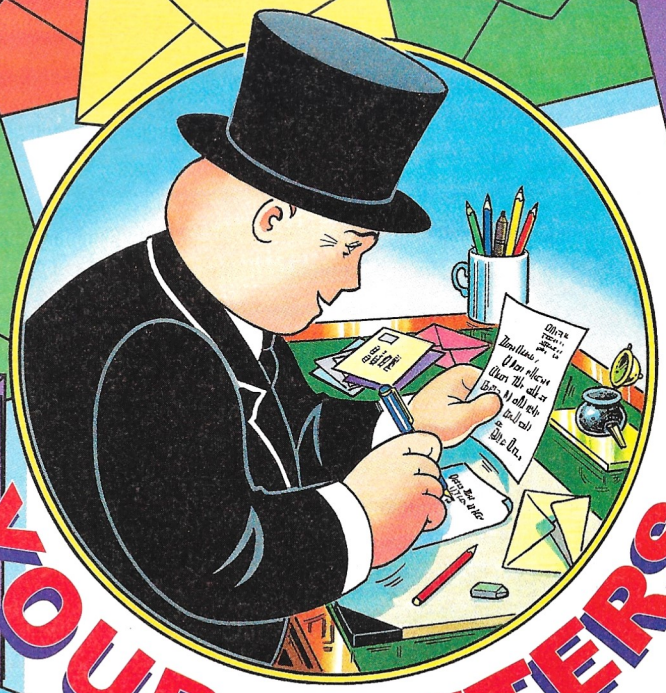
Brendam Bay ☐ The Harbour ☐

Daisy is a very modern diesel railcar, she often teases the other engines about how old- fashioned they look. The trouble with Daisy is that she thinks that she is too modern to pull trucks. She much prefers to carry passengers on Thomas's branch line.



4. Whose branch line does Daisy work on?

Gordon's ☐ Thomas's ☐



YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas push and pull motorised engines!

DIESEL POWER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please could you tell me if Diesel is as strong as Gordon?
Love from Alexander Pink, aged 6.
I've never actually compared Diesel and Gordon's strength, but Diesel's definitely very strong! Once, on a very windy day, Diesel pulled a tug boat to safety at the Big Harbour!

FARMING PERCY!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite engine is Percy. Can you tell me if Percy has ever taken trucks to the farmyard?
Love from Roland Walters, aged 2.
Percy is mainly in charge of freight traffic and this usually keeps him very busy! However, sometimes his tasks might include picking milk up from the farmyard!

FAITHFUL COACHES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Can you tell me if Thomas has always pulled his coaches Annie and Clarabel?
Love from David Griffiths, aged 2.
Yes! Thomas has always pulled Annie and Clarabel. He started pulling them along his busy branch line just after he joined my railway. They made such a good team that I have kept them together ever since.

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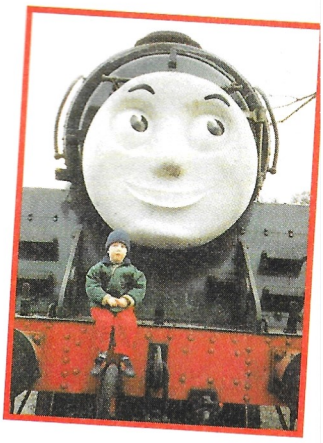


Dear Fat Controller,
This is a picture of me with Donald. I visited him at the Watercress Line on the Isle of Wight last year. I also saw James and Diesel and had a brilliant ride on Thomas, too! It was a great day out!
Love from Richard Heaven, aged 4.

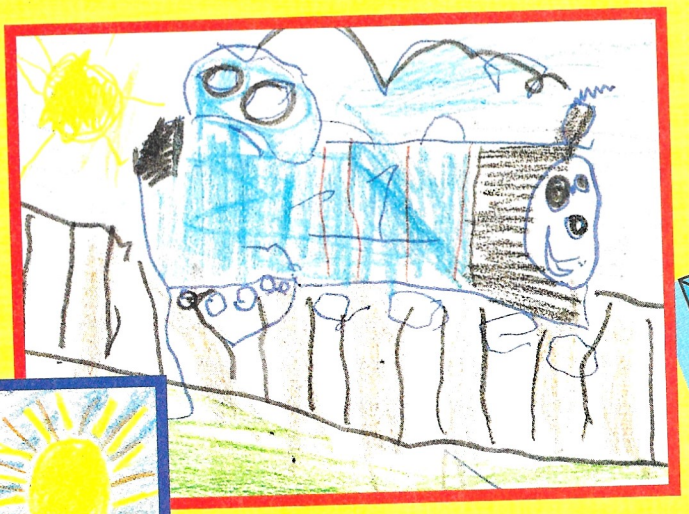
BIRTHDAYS

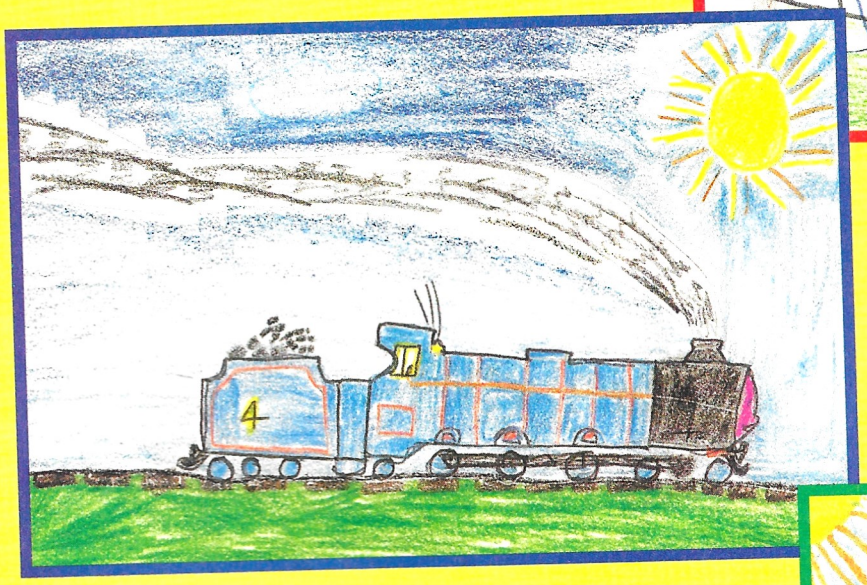
Happy birthday to: Liam Skinner, Peter Meaby, John Blackett, Charlene Jennings, Stefan Baverstock.

Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board

Jack Bindon, aged 3, has sent in this picture of Thomas puffing happily along his branch line! Well done!





Gordon the Express Engine is travelling very fast in this picture, drawn by Toby Best, aged 6!

The Fat Controller is waiting to see Thomas in this nice bright painting by Sarah, aged 6!

Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special Thomas Changing Picture Book

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on this page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London, WC2R 3DX.

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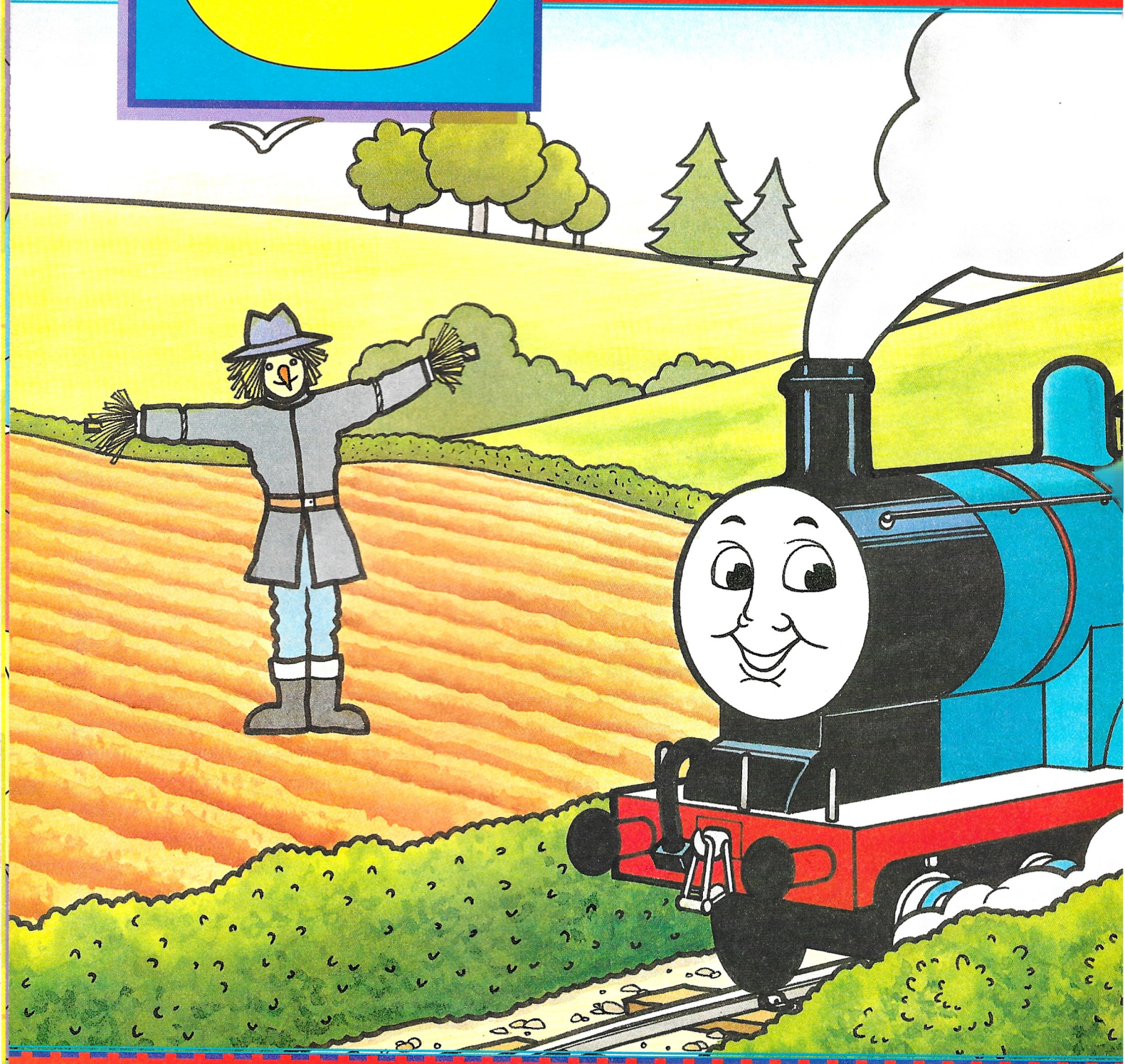

- Which engine can you see in this picture?
- What colour is he?
- What are the children standing under?
- What colour is the girl's jacket?

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This centre spread should be cut out, as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

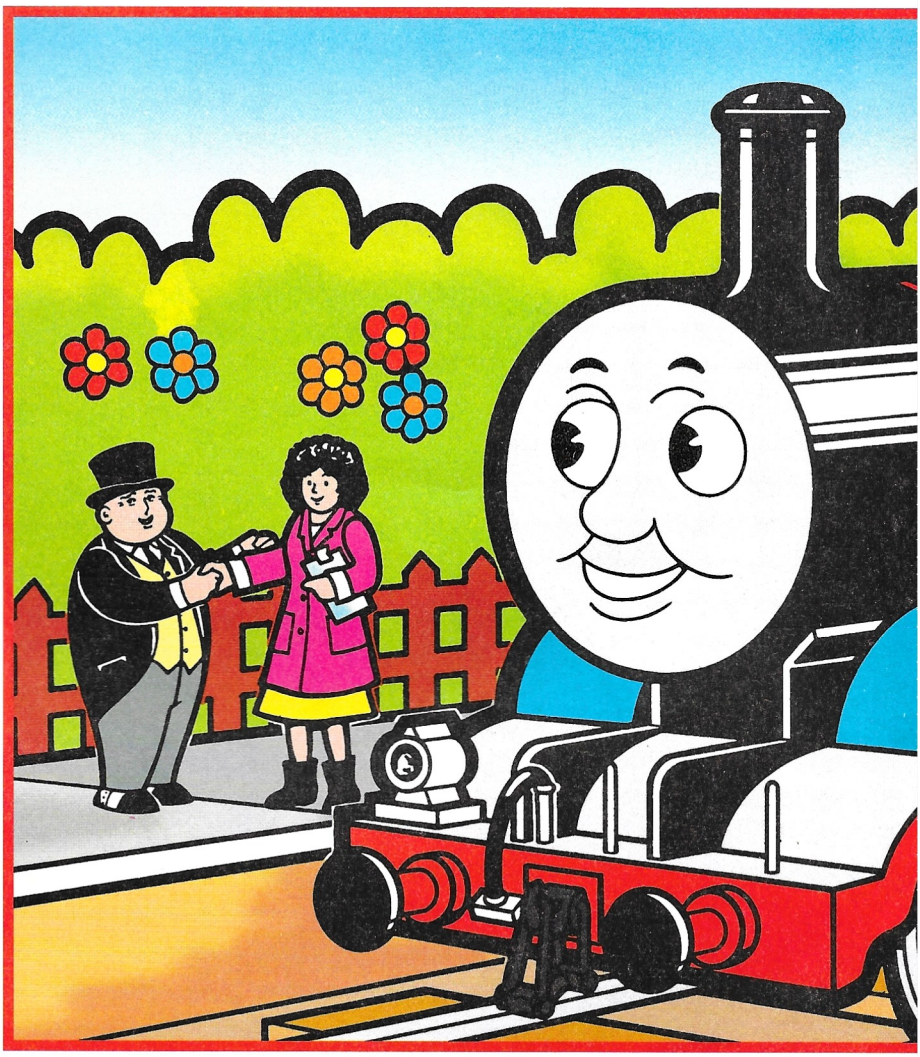
School-time Thomas!

One sunny morning, Thomas was in the Main Station yard waiting to be coupled to his carriages. As he rolled towards the platform the Fat Controller was speaking to one of the guards. When the guard had gone, the Fat Controller spoke to Thomas.

"There has been a rockfall on your branch line," explained the Fat Controller. "Therefore, you will have to return to the shed until it has been cleared. I will inform Bertie the Bus that he will have to collect your passengers!" That evening, Thomas spoke to Edward.

"I could be left in the shed all week!" said Thomas sadly. "Everyone will forget about me!"

"The Fat Controller wouldn't let that happen to you!" replied Edward. "Stop worrying and go to sleep!" Early the next morning, the Fat Controller ordered for Thomas to be cleaned and polished. Thomas was puzzled.



"Why am I being washed?" he asked.

"The Fat Controller has

found a new job for you until the branch line is cleared," replied his driver. Thomas was very excited, and he wondered what his special task would be. A little later, a group of children and their teacher entered the station. The children were working on a project all about railway

engines and to help them, they had been given permission to look at Thomas!

The children spent the aftenoon climbing aboard Thomas and looking around the station.

"Well done, Thomas!" said the Fat Controller later that evening. "The day was so successful, that I have arranged for the children to visit everyday until your branch line has been cleared!"

"Nobody will forget me now," said Thomas proudly to his driver.

"As if they ever could!" replied his driver.

How does an engine work? I'm not sure, turn the page to find out more!!

Engine Facts!

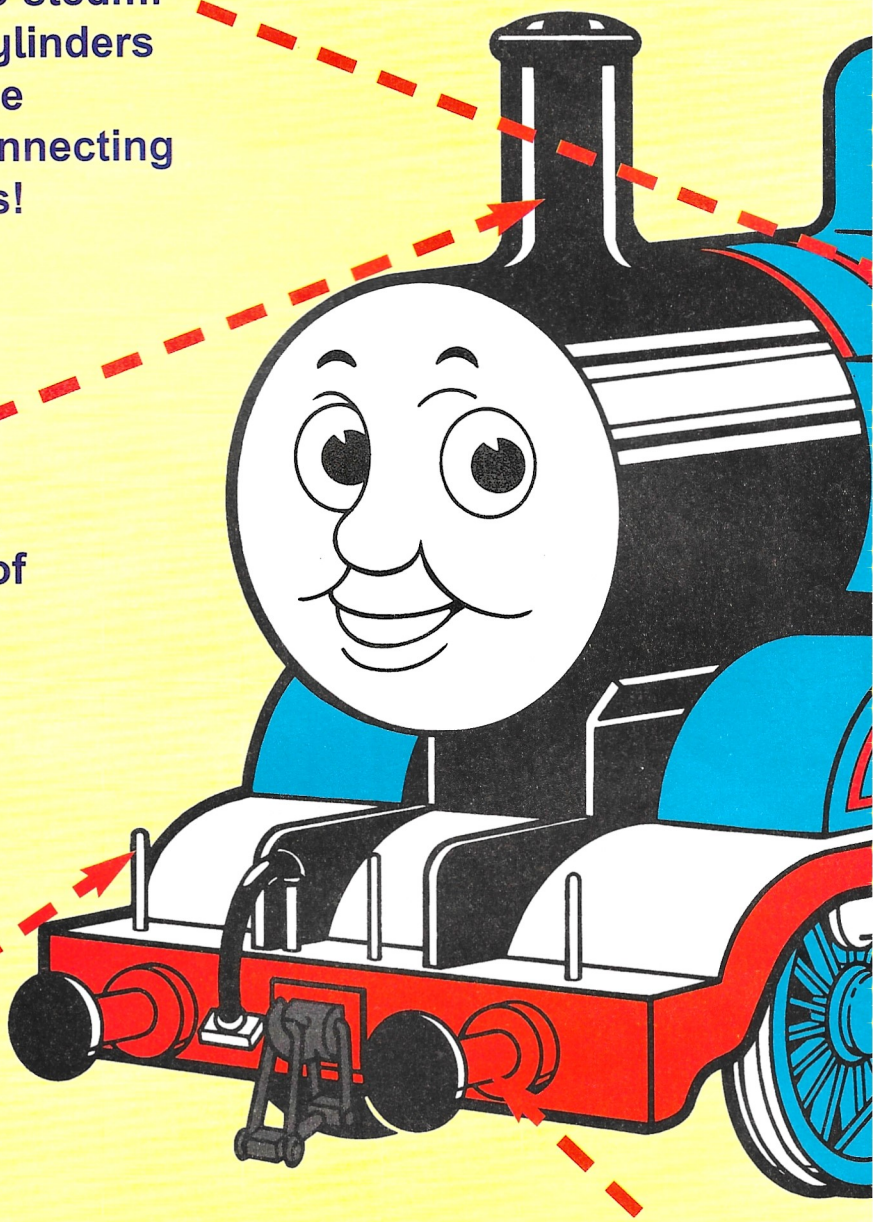
In this activity you will find out how Thomas works, like the children did in our Read and Play story.

Boiler

The boiler is where water is heated until it's so hot it turns into steam! The steam goes into the cylinders and moves the pistons. The pistons are attached to connecting rods which turn the wheels!

Chimney

The chimney is where the smoke and exhaust steam comes from. Each 'chuff' of steam draws more heat through the boiler to make more steam!



Lamp rods

If an engine is used at night, then lights are fixed to the rods at the front of the engine.

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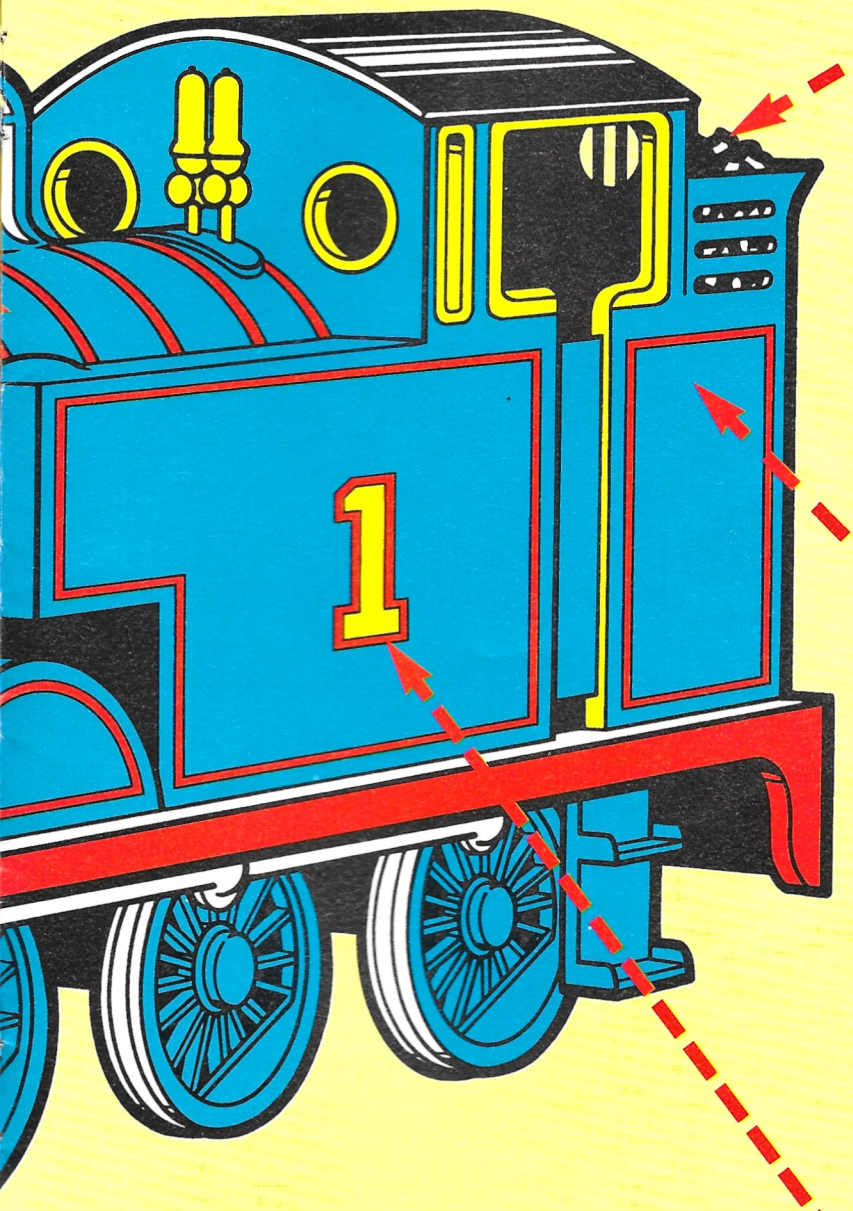

Coal

Coal is the fuel that is burnt to create the heat that is needed to make steam. Remember, it's the steam which makes the engine move! The coal is shovelled into the firebox situated in the cab!

The cab

The driver climbs inside the cab to drive the engine. This is where he operates the levers which let steam go into the cylinders. The steam in the cylinders is what makes the engine go faster or slower!

Water tanks

Water, which is heated to make steam, is stored in the tanks.

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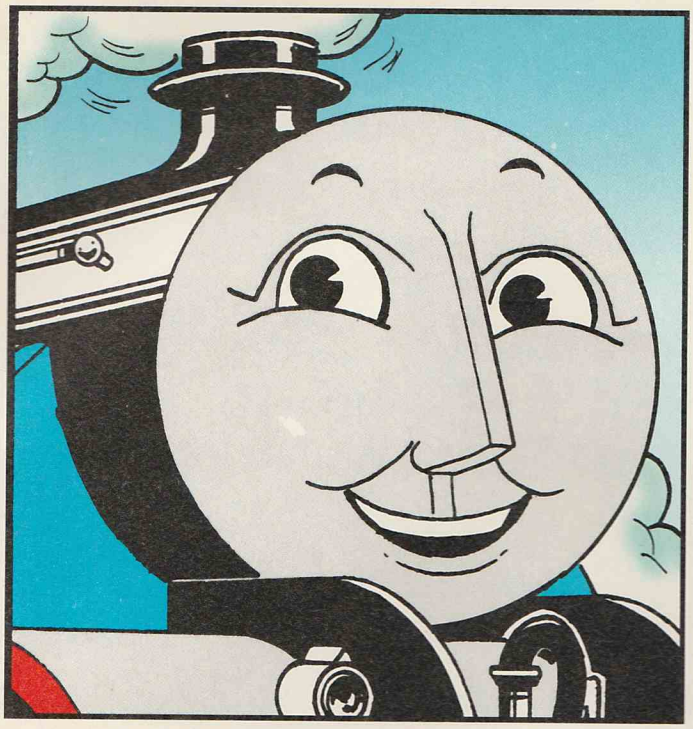
LISTEN AND LEARN STORY

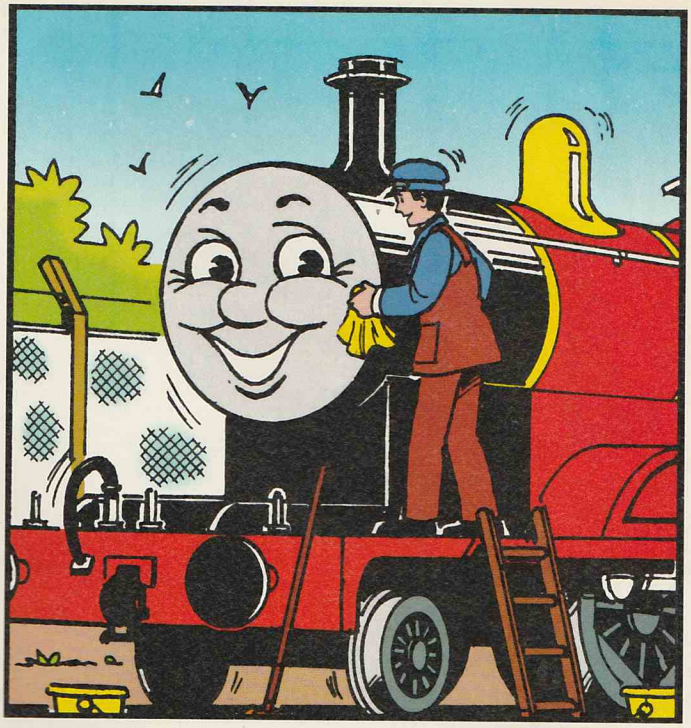
Keeping clean!

1. The Main Station was being given a good clean. Railway workers swept the platforms, washed paintwork and cleaned all the waiting room windows.

2. The Fat Controller came to see how they were getting on. "The steam engines are to be cleaned, too!" he said. "This railway must be really smart!"



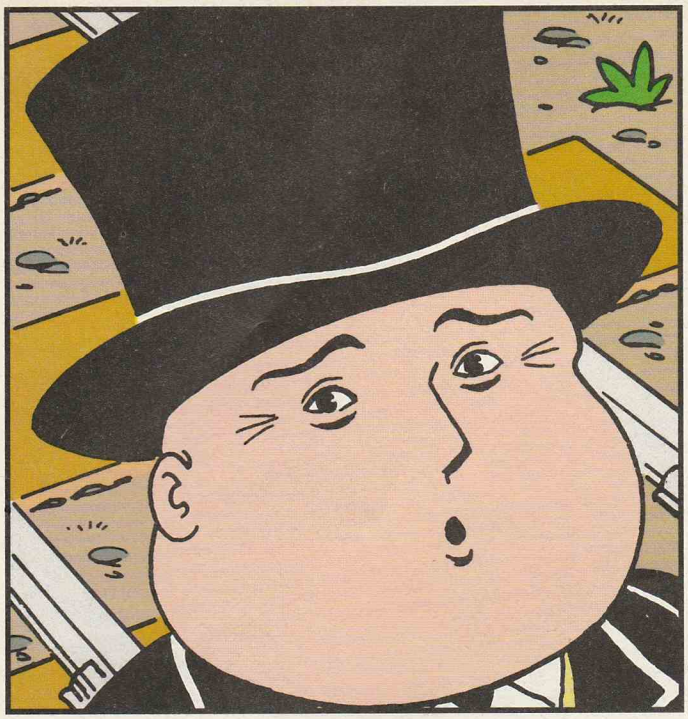
3. Gordon went to the Works first. "I'm the most important because I pull the Express!" he snorted. At the Works, workmen washed out his big boiler.



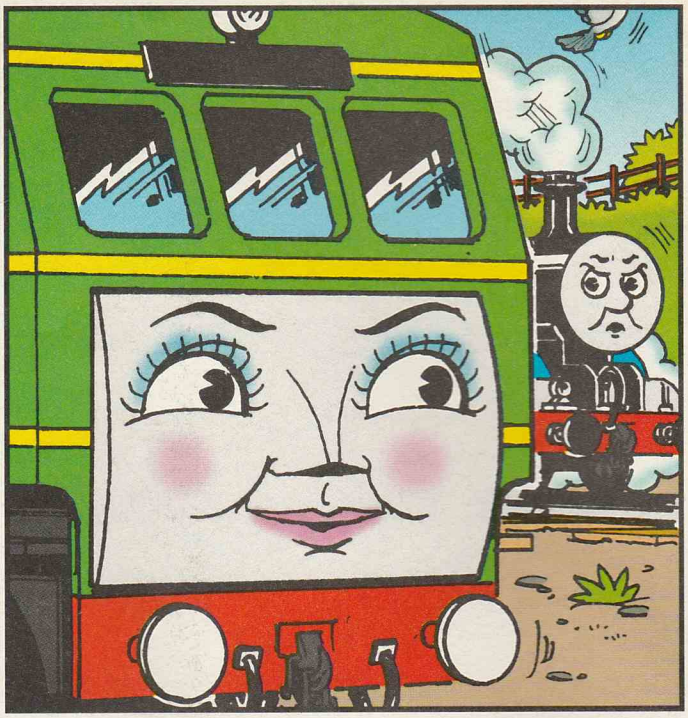
4. Next, it was James's turn. At the Works, he had the soot taken out of his boiler tubes. "I feel like a new engine!" he puffed happily, afterwards.

5. Daisy did not need to go to the Works. "A modern Diesel railcar, like me, doesn't have a dirty funnel and boiler to be cleaned!" she sniffed.

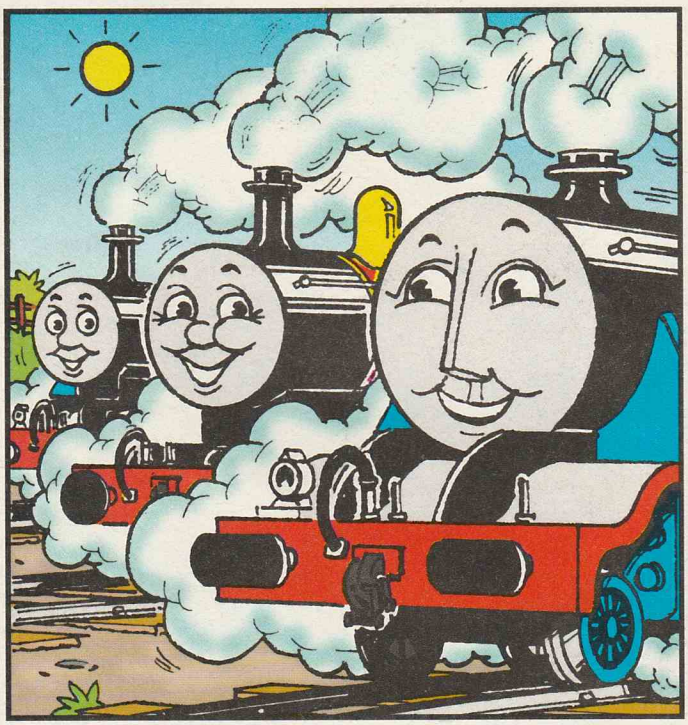
6. "I'm so thoroughly modern!" Daisy boasted to the others. "Why, the Fat Controller ought to get rid of old-fashioned steam engines, all together!"



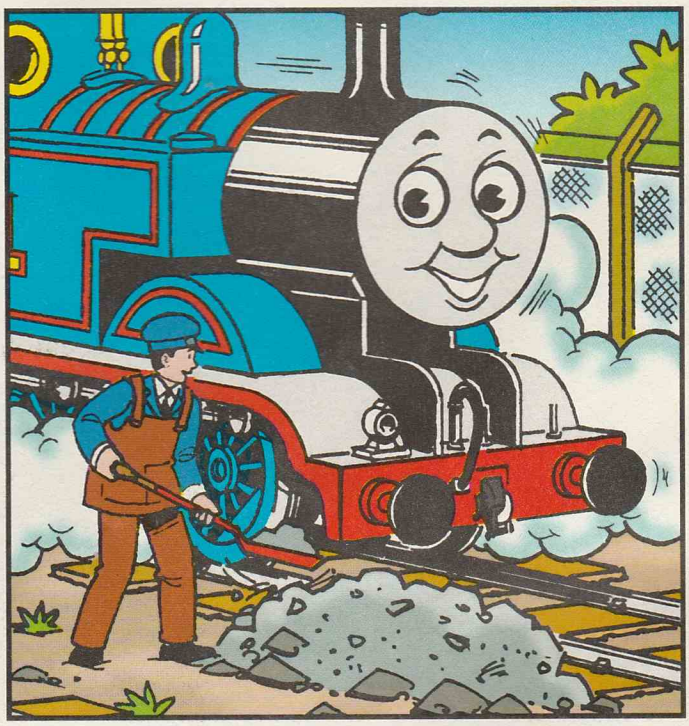
7. Thomas and his steam friends were cross. "We're all Really Useful!" they huffed. The Fat Controller heard the noise and came to see what was wrong.



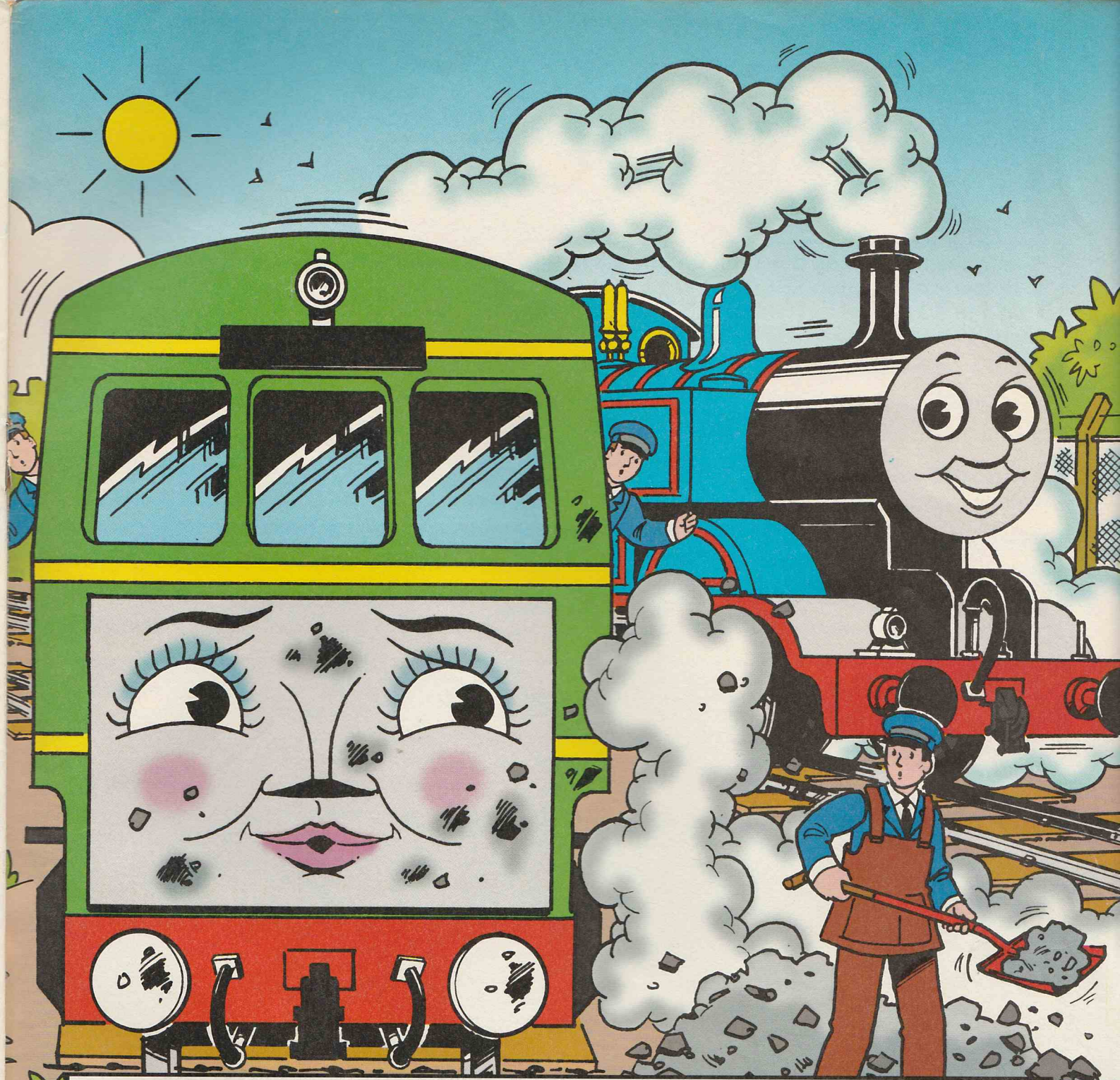
8. To stop the engines arguing, he sent Daisy to take passengers on Thomas's branch line, while Thomas went off to the Works. "A good job, too!" said Daisy.



9. Thomas arrived just as James and Gordon were leaving. "We're spotless, inside and out!" they called. Thomas's ash was soon removed as well.

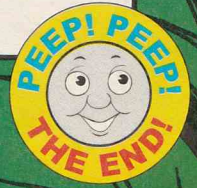


10. With all his tubes clear, he puffed powerfully. Nearby, a big pile of ash from the engines lay at the track side. The next moment, Daisy arrived.



11. "Did the Fat Controller send you to be cleaned, after all?" asked Thomas. "Of course not!" said Daisy. "I'm on my way to get more passengers and I don't want soot on me!" she called, speeding up. Daisy did not see the pile of ash nearby. "Slow down!" warned Thomas.

12. Too late! Daisy raced past it, blowing ash all over her. "Oh, no!" she spluttered. It went in her eyes and mouth. "What a mess I'm in!" shrieked Daisy. "If you ask the workmen nicely, they might wash you down! Whoever heard of a dirty diesel railcar?" teased Thomas.



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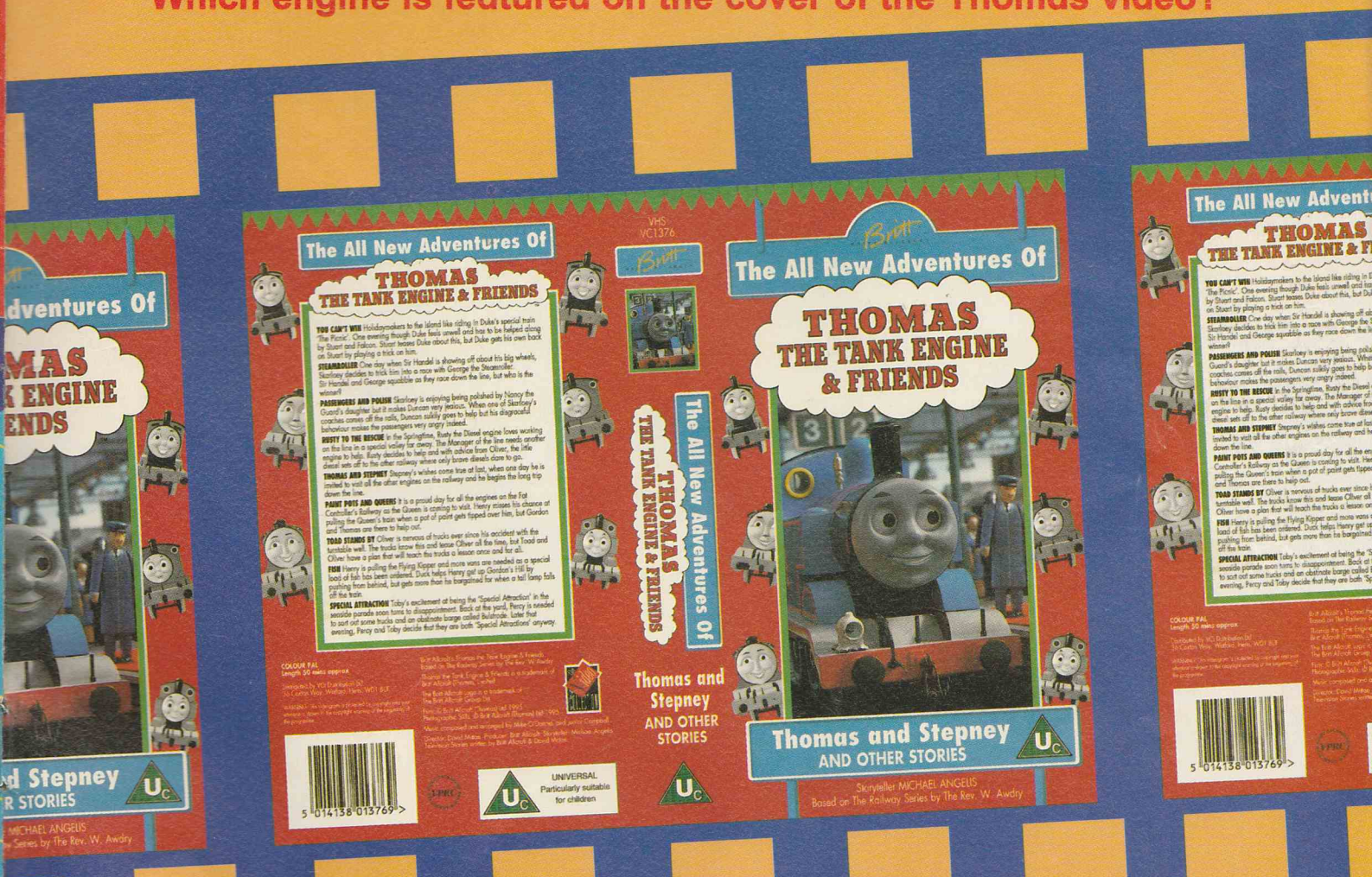

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